Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment Mailed November 23, 2007

REMARKS

In the present Notice of Non-Complaint Amendment, Section 4C holds that each claim of the Amendment has not been provided with the proper status identifier. The attached continuation sheet referred to in Section 4E of the notice further states:

In the response received has elected claims 101-142 without traverse. However, claims 63-100 have been withdrawn and 143-144 and claim 133 has been cancelled.

In addition, claim 133 does not show proper status identifier.

The Examiner's observation that Claim 133 does not show a proper status identifier is correct. Claim 133 was cancelled without prejudice in an amendment filed on June 4, 2006. The attached listing of claims has been amended such that Claim 133 properly reflects that the current status of the claim is "Cancelled."

The significance of the remainder of the Examiner's remarks are not clear.

The Applicant elected Claims 1-62 and Claims 101-142 without traverse on August 2, 2005, and thus Claims 63-100 and 143-144 were automatically withdrawn at that time.

A subsequent amendment filed on January 26, 2006 incorrectly listed Claims 143-144 as "Original", but the status of Claims 143-144 was amended to "Withdrawn" in an amendment filed on April 6, 2006 and have been consistently referred to as "Withdrawn" in all subsequent amendments. Claims 1-62 were cancelled in an amendment filed January 25, 2006 and have been consistently referred to as "Cancelled" in all subsequent amendments.

Thus, the proper status of all claims is as follows: Claims 1-62, Cancelled; Claims 63-100, Withdrawn; Claims 101-132, Original; Claim 133, Cancelled; Claims 134-142, Original; and Claims 143-144, Withdrawn. The attached listing of claims properly reflects that the current status of all claims Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative to expedite prosecution.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies that necessitate the entry and consideration of this paper or credit any overcharges to Deposit Account No. 50-0653.

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